

Reading to Dogs

A kid's activity worksheet from Bowlful

Dogs are the best listeners in the world. They never laugh at hard words, they never rush you, and they never say "try again." That's why reading out loud to a dog helps kids become braver, faster, happier readers.

Before you start

My name:

Today's date:

My reading buddy (dog's name):

The book I picked:

The book is about:

The 5 reading-buddy rules

1. Sit somewhere calm and cozy — a blanket, a rug, or next to the dog's bed.
2. Show the dog the cover. Tell them what the book is about.
3. Read slowly. Use your storytelling voice.
4. If you get stuck on a word, take a breath. The dog will wait.
5. At the end, say "good listening" and give a gentle pat.

My reading checklist

- I read for at least 10 minutes
- I tried a word I didn't know
- I used a different voice for a character
- I asked the dog a question about the story
- I gave the dog a thank-you pat

How was your reading session?

How did the dog seem while I read?

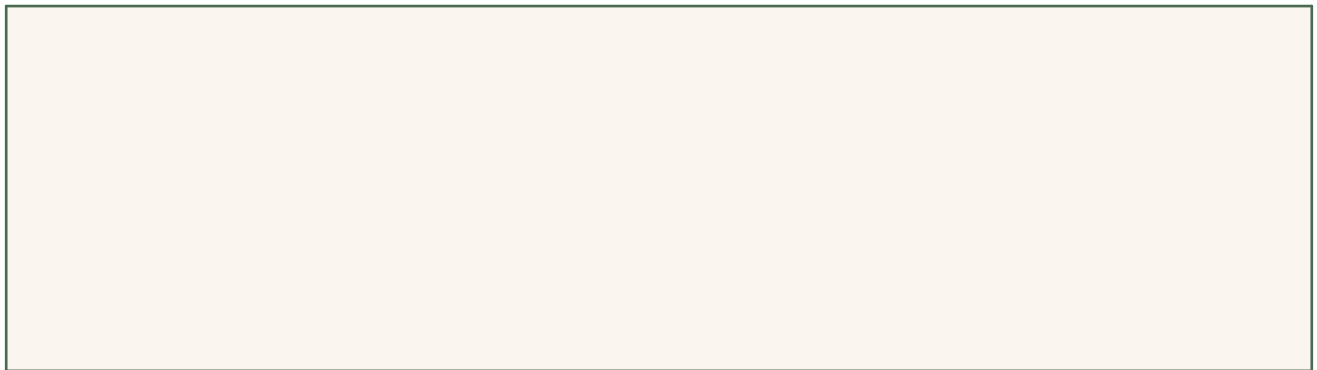
- Sleepy (eyes closed)
- Curious (head tilted)
- Wiggly (tail wagging)
- Super calm
- Snuggly (leaning in)

My favourite part of the story was...

A word I learned today

It means...

Draw your reading buddy listening to the story



Tip for grown-ups: programs like R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) show that kids who read aloud to a calm dog gain reading confidence faster — because the dog never judges, corrects, or rushes them.